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Welfare caseload slightly higher in October

LANSING – Family Independence Agency Director Douglas E. Howard announced today the October Family Independence Program (FIP) caseload was 73,333, on a par with the caseload in May 1970 when it was 74,171. The September 2001 caseload was 71,962.

Howard said, “With the exception of 12 modest increases, the caseload has declined in 79 out of the last 91 months. During that time, the caseload dropped by 67.7 percent” The March 1994 caseload was 226,863.

Of the 73,333 cases in October, about 28,000 families (or about 37 percent) were required to participate in Work First and expected to work. Of the balance, about 22,500 were relatives raising children and about 22,500 had a temporary condition that excluded them from the employment requirements. October data also show 64,739 families received day care for 123,549 children.

“Michigan’s average caseload last year was the lowest since 1969,” Howard said. That’s another indication our welfare to work initiatives are making a positive difference in the lives of Michigan families.”

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